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- (b) The OTS will not preempt any other state law if the OTS, upon review, finds that the law:
- (1) Furthers a vital state interest; and
- (2) Either only incidentally affects your deposit-related activities or is not otherwise contrary to the purposes expressed in §557.11.

# §557.14 What interest rate may I pay on savings accounts?

- (a) You may pay interest at any rate or anticipated rate of return on savings accounts, either in deposit or in share form, as provided in your charter and the account's terms.
- (b) You may pay fixed or variable rates. If you pay a variable rate, you must base it on a schedule, index, or formula that you specify in the account's terms.

#### §557.15 Who owns a deposit account?

You may treat the holder of record as the account owner, even if you receive contrary notice, until you transfer the account on your records.

### Subpart C—Deposit Activities of All Savings Associations

# § 557.20 What records should I maintain on deposit activities?

All federal and state chartered savings associations ("you") should establish and maintain deposit documentation practices and records that demonstrate that you appropriately administer and monitor deposit-related activities. Your records should adequately evidence ownership, balances, and all transactions involving each account. You may maintain records on deposit activities in any format that is consistent with standard business practices.

### PART 558—POSSESSION BY CON-SERVATORS AND RECEIVERS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS

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558.1 Procedure upon taking possession.558.2 Notice of appointment.

AUTHORITY: 12 U.S.C. 1462, 1462a, 1463, 1464, 1467a.

## §558.1 Procedure upon taking possession.

- (a) The conservator or receiver for a Federal or state savings association shall take possession of the savings association by taking possession of the principal office of the Federal or state savings association in accordance with the terms of the Director's appointment.
- (b) Upon taking possession, the conservator or receiver shall immediately:
- (1) Take possession of the savings association's books, records and assets.
- (2) Notify in writing, served personally or by registered mail or telegraph, all persons and entities that the conservator or receiver knows to be holding or in possession of assets of the savings association, that the conservator or receiver has succeeded to all rights, titles, powers and privileges of the savings associations.
- (3) File with the Corporate Secretary a statement that possession was taken, including the time of the taking, which statement shall be conclusive evidence thereof.
- (4) Post a notice on the door of the principal and other offices of the savings association in the form prescribed by the Director of the OTS.
- (5) By operation of law and without any conveyance or other instrument, act or deed, succeed to the rights, titles, powers and privileges of the savings association, and to the rights, powers, and privileges of its stockholders, members, accountholders, depositors, officers, and directors. No stockholder, member, accountholder, depositor, officer or director shall thereafter have or exercise any right, power, or privilege, or act in connection with any of the savings association's assets or property.

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### § 558.2 Notice of appointment.

(a) When the Director of OTS issues an order for the appointment of a conservator or receiver, the Director will designate the persons or entities whose employees or agents must, before the conservator or receiver takes possession of the savings association: